

Shimshal Trust Newsletter

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This is a special newsletter about scholarships. We have completed this year's scholarship round and have awarded 10 scholarships as shown in the table below.

Table of scholarships awarded and institutions attended 2011

	Name	School
1.	Bibi Naik Bakht	Hunza public school and degree college
2.	Jamal Amin	Zawiya college, Rawalpindi
3.	Muhammad Ali Shah	University of Karachi
4.	Nahida Yasmeen	Government degree college Gilgit
5.	Saida Begum	Karakoram International University, Gilgit
6.	Sajida Kubra	Not yet enrolled (teacher scholarship)
7.	Sakhawat Ali	Karakoram University, Gilgit
8.	Salma Sarwar	Hunza Public school and degree college
9.	Zakir Ali	Karakoram University, Gilgit
10.	Zaman Baig	Islamiya Arts and Commerce College, Karachi

In 2011, because there was only one applicant for teacher training, we were able to award two extra scholarships to students.

We awarded 4 scholarships to university students and five to college students.

Five scholarships were awarded to young women and five to young men.

Letters and questions can be directed to contact@shimshaltrust.org.nz

The following is an explanation of the process of awarding scholarships, with additional information about how our process works.

Scholarships

Scholarships are usually awarded by institutions or trusts to students who are in need or show merit. The students apply for the scholarship and a committee or governing body of the organisation makes the decisions as to who should receive the scholarships. Favouritism is avoided because a committee awards the scholarships

and because the process is transparent. That means only the people named in public documents make these decisions.

The Shimshal Trust

- makes application documents widely available in March each year. We send hard copies to schools and to individuals in Shimshal and the main centres and we send electronic copies to everyone in Pakistan on our mailing list. Anyone who asks for an application form can have one sent. Applicants can ask for a form by emailing the address on the website;
- receives applications by mail and by email. Applications must be accompanied by specified documents (scanned, if by email, photocopied if by mail) and the forms must be filled in correctly;
- judges the applications using the criteria given on the applications form, as well as looking at information sent by the student to see how up to date the information is. We also look at how well the student seems to be managing already. If information is incomplete we look to see if the student's letter explains that;
- tries every year to consult the Shimshal Council by showing them the list of candidates and accepting, usually, recommendations of council members;
- Is committed to fairness and impartiality. If anyone has a reason to doubt the fairness of a decision they can email us and we always try to explain our decisions. If someone is concerned about impartiality or poor use of the scholarship, then details must be given. All such information will be confidential.
- As usual making a good application does not entitle the applicant to a scholarship, because of limited funds.

In the last 8 years the Shimshal Trust has worked hard to raise and give away over \$40,000 NZ in the form of 63 scholarships beside money for projects such as Jamsheed's foot operation (\$2,500), the women's craft centre (\$7,500) and the small school at Khizerabad (\$5000).

Members of the Trust also run stalls at fairs, give presentations to various travel and sports organisations, and write articles about Pakistan in general and Shimshal in particular. Our aim is to spread understanding in New Zealand about the people of Pakistan's love of peace and civilization, despite their difficult circumstances.